

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, 18-36, and 46-54 have been canceled. Claims 55-68 have been newly added. Claims 4-17, 37-45, and 55-68 remain pending in this case. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 3, lines 1-3; page 6, lines 10-12; page 8, lines 4-9; and page 8, lines 20-25. Therefore, these amendments are made without introducing new matter.

Art Rejections

Claims 19, 23, 46, and 50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being alleged anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly obvious over Haaga (U.S. Patent 5,487,392). Applicants have cancelled claims 19, 23, 46, and 50. Therefore, these rejections are now moot. Applicants also point out that Haaga does not teach or suggest a “*bioresorbable body comprising polylactic acid and polyglycolic acid*” or the inclusion of “*a radiopaque marker carried by the bioresorbable body,*” as required by the newly added claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the examiner’s indication that claims 2-17 and 37-45 are allowable.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicants assert the claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action on the merits of the claims is therefore earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (949) 737-2900. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

Respectfully submitted,
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